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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

LI, et al.

Art Unit: 2856

Application No.: 09/993,500

Examiner: Noland, Thomas

Filed: November 27, 2001

Attorney Dkt. No.: 107317-00037

For: GAP ADJUSTMENT APPARATUS AND GAP ADJUSTMENT METHOD FOR
ADJUSTING GAP BETWEEN TWO OBJECTS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 28, 2003

Sir:

Further to the Restriction Requirement dated February 26, 2003, the following is submitted as a full and complete Response thereto. A Petition for Extension of Time is not required (as explained below).

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1-24 have been made subject to a Restriction Requirement. In the Restriction Requirement dated February 26, 2003, the Examiner divided the Claims into three (3) groups. Group I includes

Claims 1-11 and 21-24 and is drawn to (1) a gap adjustment apparatus, (2) a method, and (3) a use of the same as illustrated in Figures 1 and 2. Group II includes Claims 5-12 and 22 and is directed towards a gap adjustment apparatus and method as described in Figures 3 and 4 and page 18, line 21, through page 21, line 7. Group III

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